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LIBYA

Since the US demarche to the Libyan Government about assassination and other terrorist threats against US officials or installations, there have been some representations and reports that Qadhafi has suspended his plans and activities to carry out those threats. No real credence can be placed on this. The Libyan assurance to us that they had abandoned any consideration of physical acts against the US was accompanied by a declaration that two principal officers involved in such activity had been transferred to civilian, non-intelligence functions;

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Libya continues to plan violent action

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We have confirmed reports that the November attempt to assassinate the US Charge d'Affaires in France was the work of Libyan terrorists.

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We have no information indicating who assassinated Lt. Col. Charles Ray in Paris on Monday of this week. However, the circumstances of the attack are similar to those of the 12 November attack on the Charge in Paris.

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In short, planned Libyan acts in the US may have been put in temporary abeyance but we continue to believe that these plans could, and may, be reinstituted on short notice.

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